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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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**Detailed Action**

***Response to Amendment***

- The reply filed on July 18, 2006 was applied to the following effect: Claims 3,4,21,26, and 32 were amended.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-11,13,15-27,29,31, and 32 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kasajima et al (USPN 6,751,062).
3. Regarding Claims 1,15, and 31, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a magnetic storage system, comprising: a magnetic disk (10); at least one head (17) for reading from and writing to the magnetic disk; a slider (22) for supporting the head, an actuator arm (24) and suspension for supporting the slider; a vibration absorber (21) for reducing mechanical vibrations of the slider caused by contact of the slider with the magnetic media; wherein the vibration absorber includes a coupling portion (26) operatively coupled to the slider, and a weight (21) coupled to the coupling portion by a resiliently deformable flexure member (23); and a control unit (12) coupled to the head for controlling operation of the head.
4. Regarding Claims 2 and 16-19, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the vibration absorber includes a coupling portion (26) coupled to the slider, suspension,

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and actuator arm, and a weight coupled to the coupling portion by a resiliently deformable flexure member (23).

5. Regarding Claims 3, 20, and 32, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the weight (21) is positioned towards a trailing edge of the slider, the weight being spaced from the coupling portion, the weight only being coupled to the coupling portion by the flexure (23).

6. Regarding Claims 4 and 21, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the weight (21) is positioned towards a trailing edge and a leading edge of the slider (22).

7. Regarding Claims 5 and 22, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, further comprising a second weight (21b) coupled to the coupling portion.

8. Regarding Claims 6 and 23, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the weight (21a) and second weight (21b) are positioned towards a leading and trailing edge of the slider, respectively.

9. Regarding Claims 7 and 24, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the weight (21a) and second weight (21b) are positioned towards opposite edges of the slider, the opposite edges extending between trailing and leading edges of the slider.

10. Regarding Claims 8 and 25, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein a pivot axis of the flexure member is about parallel to an air bearing surface of the slider.

11. Regarding Claims 9 and 26, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the weight has a flat profile, wherein a plane of the weight along the profile is oriented at an angle with respect to an air bearing surface of the slider, the angle being greater than 0 degrees.

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12. Regarding Claim 10, Kasajima et al shows (Fig.11) a slider assembly, wherein the flexure member allows the weight to twist (arrow in Figure 11) about an axis of the flexure member.

13. Regarding Claims 11 and 27, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the weight is an integral part (composed as a unit) of the flexure member.

14. Regarding Claims 13 and 29, Kasajima et al shows (Figs. 1-6) a slider assembly, wherein the vibration absorber is damped (layers 26,28).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

15. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

16. Claims 12,14,28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kasajima et al (USPN 6,751,062) in view of Giere et al (USPN 5,940,251).

17. Regarding Claims 12,14,28, and 30, Kasajima et al shows all the features described, *supra*, but does not show a slider assembly, wherein the vibration absorber is tuned to about match a natural frequency of vibration, and wherein the damped vibration absorber is tuned to a frequency lower than a natural frequency of vibration of the slider when the slider is in a flying state.

Giere et al shows (Col. 3, lines 7-11) a slider assembly, wherein the vibration absorber is tuned to about match a natural frequency of vibration, and wherein the damped vibration

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absorber is tuned to a frequency lower than a natural frequency of vibration of the slider when the slider is in a flying state.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to tune the vibration absorber of Kasajima et al as taught by Giere et al. The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to tune the vibration absorber of Kasajima et al as taught by Giere et al in order to reduce vibration in the slider assembly.

***Response to Arguments***

18. Applicant's arguments filed July 18, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

***Applicant asserts on page 7, that the vibration absorber is designed to reduce mechanical vibrations of the slider caused by contact with the recording medium, not other vibrations caused by other sources such as an actuator arm, etc.***

The Examiner maintains that, regardless of the source of vibration, Kasajima's invention teaches the same structure and function as claimed.

***Applicant asserts on page 8, that Kasajima does not show the vibration absorber includes a coupling portion (26) coupled to the slider, suspension, and actuator arm, and a weight coupled to the coupling portion by a resiliently deformable flexure member (23).***

The Examiner maintains that, all the elements are shown and are "coupled" together. "Coupled" defined by *Merriam-Webster* as "to join for combined effect". Each element is joined together in order to function as the vibration absorber.

***Conclusion***

19. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

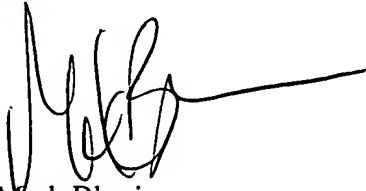
20. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Blouin whose telephone number is 571-272-7583. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:00 to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch, can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

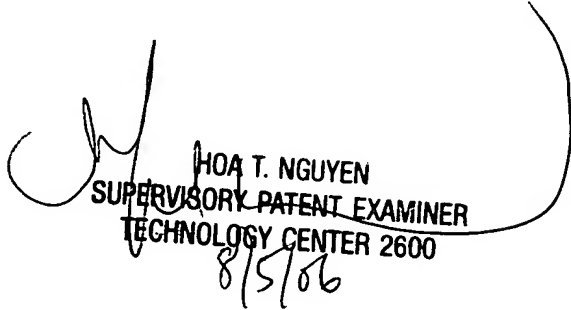
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